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June 18, 2012

Mr. John S. Barry, Chairman
Board of Selectmen
Town of Hanover
550 Hanover Street, Suite 29
Hanover, MA 02339

Dear Chairman Barry:

On behalf of Assistant Commissioner Benjamin Ericson, our 21E staff and myself, I would like to thank you for meeting with Mass DEP on the former National Fireworks site. We appreciated the opportunity to discuss issues related to the site with you, Mr. Clarkson and Mr. Rollins. We believe the exchange of ideas and information provided us with a good path for moving forward.

At the meeting you asked about MassDEP's previously articulated deadline of June, 2012 for nomination of the site to the federal National Priorities List (NPL). As we related at the meeting, recent discussion between MassDEP and the contractor for the Fireworks Site Joint Defense Group (FSJDG) has resulted in substantial progress. In light of the progress and ongoing work, MassDEP will not be pursuing NPL listing at this time. As we also indicated at the meeting, given the shared commitment by both the Town and MassDEP toward regular communication on this site, we will keep you advised on our position in advance of any 2013 federal deadlines related to NPL listing. As long as progress on cleanup continues under the 21E process, we will work toward that end with the Town and the FSJDG.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to meet. We will keep you informed on our discussions with the FSJDG and convey to the Group the Town's interest in discussions on the remedial alternatives identified in Phase III. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me at 508-946-2712 if we can be of further assistance or if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,



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